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Title: OPTIC CABLE EXIT TROUGH WITH BYPASS

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under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a), Applicants Timothy Jon Haataja, Thomas Walter Kampf, and Wayne Albin Johnson, hereby request that the Substitute Reissue Declaration filed in the above-referenced application be accepted on behalf of nonsigning inventor, Gary F. Nault, last known address, 603 4th Street NW, Aitkin, MN 56431. Mr. Nault cannot be found or reached after diligent efforts, as described in the accompanying Statement of Facts.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the Reissue Declaration filed herewith, including a blank signature block for Mr. Nault with his last known address listed, be treated as having been signed on behalf of Mr. Nault by the signing inventors, as provided in MPEP §409.03(a).

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- ☒ Statement of Facts
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